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Dear Professor [redacted]

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I'm pleased to report that you are among the finalists that we are considering for our Staff Historian position. We had a very large number of good applications, so that arriving at our short list has taken longer than we expected.

I would now be grateful if you would send us the names and addresses (and telephone numbers, if possible) of at least three persons who can give us candid appraisals of your professional abilities. An up-to-date dossier of references [redacted] [redacted] would serve the purpose, if you have it sent here.

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Could you also let me know whether you will be in Chicago for the American Historical Association's annual meeting at the end of December. If so, we would like to arrange to meet with you then.

Although we hope to make our selection in January, you should note that several months will be needed for CIA's clearance process before the new historian can take up this position.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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J. Kenneth McDonald
Chief Historian

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